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1. AT CIP AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY, JULY 22, I WAS
FINALLY ABLE TO TALK TO MINECON SHAFEI ABOUT NEED FOR
GOE CALL IN REPS OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, CANADA AND EEC
(I BELIEVE IT IS CURRENTLY HOLLAND, ACTING FOR
UNREPRESENTED LUXEMBOURG, WHICH IS IN EEC CHAIR) IN
ORDER TO IMPRESS UPON THEM EGYPT'S REQUIREMENT FOR
CONCESSIONARY WHEAT SALES/GRANT AND MAXIMUM SUPPLIERS'
CREDIT. RECALLING POINT D OF OUR SEVEN POINT PROGRAM,
WHICH PRIMIN HAD APPROVED, I POINTED OUT TO SHAFEI THAT,
AFTER SUCH AN EGYPTIAN APPROACH, WE COULD THEN WEIGHT IN
WITH THESE STATES IN SUPPORT OF GOE CASE. WE ARE READY
TO DO SO AS SOON AS WE HEAR APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE.

2. SHAFEI READILY AGREED, BUT SAID HE WILL HAVE TO
CHECK WITH PRIMIN AS TO WHETHER LATTER WANTS SHAFEI OR
MFA TO HANDLE PROPOSED REPRESENTATIONS. HE UNDERTOOK
ADVISE ME OF PRIMIN'S WISHES. I EXPECT SEE SHAFEI SEVERAL
MORE TIMES IN COMING WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS
SIGNING CEREMONIES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES
TO FOLLOW UP.

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3. MEANWHILE, IN ORDER TO LAY GROUND WORK IN CASE MFA
IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPROACHES, I ALSO TOLD MINSTATE
MUHAMMED RIAD ABOUT OUR PLAN, NOTING HE MIGHT BE ASKED
TO CALL IN THE SEVERAL FOREIGN REPS. RIAD KNEW NOTHING
ABOUT IT, BUT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
ACTION IF INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.
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